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TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW IMMEDIATE

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FOR AMBASSADOR FROM HEW SECRETARY CALIFANO

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OVIP, PL

SUBJECT: VISIT OF SECRETARY CALIFANO

1. AS YOU KNOW, HEALTH MINISTER SLIWINSKI HAS INVITED ME TO VISIT POLAND, AND I HAD EARLIER ACCEPTED THIS INVITATION IN PRINCIPLE. I HAVE NOW WRITTEN TO SLIWINSKI PROPOSING A SHORT VISIT FROM JUNE 10 TO 13. THE TEXT OF THE LETTER IS AT PARAGRAPH 9. I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD HAVE IT DELIVERED TO SLIWINSKI ON MY BEHALF. THE ORIGINAL IS BEING SENT TO YOU VIA POUCH. WE HAVE INFORMED THE POLISH EMBASSY OF MY PLANS.

2. I WILL LEAVE WARSAW FOR A VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION FROM JUNE 13 TO 18. ALTHOUGH THE LETTER TO SLIWINSKI DOES NOT MENTION THESE PLANS, THERE IS NO REASON NOT TO INFORM
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THE POLES.

3. I PLAN TO BRING MY SONS, MARK 15, AND JOE, 13, AND THREE OR FOUR OTHER COLLEAGUES. WE WOULD PLAN TO ARRIVE ON SATURDAY, JUNE 10, AT 2:00 P.M. VIA BE 690 FROM LONDON. WE WOULD DEPART ON TUESDAY, JUNE 13, AT 10:45 A.M. VIA SU 102.

4. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO A FULL SCHEDULE DURING THE SHORT TIME THAT I WILL HAVE IN POLAND, AND AM PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN MEETING PEOPLE AND VISITING INSTITUTIONS INVOLVED WITH THE U.S.-POLISH HEALTH COOPERATION PROGRAM. I AM ALSO INTERESTED IN VISITING PLACES OF CULTURAL AND HISTORIC INTEREST.

5. I WOULD BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH NON-HEALTH OFFICIALS IN VIEW OF MY BROADER DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, TIME PERMITTING.

6. I WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY'S ASCERTAINING FROM POLES PROBABLE EXTENT OF; (A) PRESS COVERAGE AND CONFERENCES. WE WILL PREPARE A DRAFT JOINT COMMUNIQUE, WHICH WILL BE CABLED FOR EMBASSY COMMENT. (B) PUBLIC APPEARANCES AND NEED FOR OFFICIAL SPEECHES. (C) ANTICIPATED SOCIAL SCHEDULE. I WOULD PREFER TO MINIMIZE PURELY SOCIAL AND CEREMONIAL OCCASIONS, BUT I WILL WANT TO HOST A RECEPTION OR OTHER APPROPRIATE FUNCTION, AND WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS IN THIS REGARD.

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7. IN PLANNING MY OVERSEAS TRIPS, I HAVE ALWAYS FOUND IT USEFUL TO SEND MEMBERS OF MY STAFF ON AN ADVANCE VISIT. I BELIEVE THIS VISIT WOULD ALSO BENEFIT FROM SUCH ADVANCE PREPARATION. IF YOU HAVE NO OBJECTION, I PROPOSE THAT PETER BELL, MY SPECIAL ASSISTANT, THOMAS L. JOHNS, MY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, AND DR. ROBERT FISCHER, OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL HEALTH, VISIT POLAND FROM MAY 10 TO 11. THEY WOULD WISH TO MEET WITH EMBASSY STAFF AND MOH OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE PROGRAM PROPOSALS, LOGISTICS, SECURITY, ETC.

8. TEXT OF LETTER FOLLOWS:

DEAR MR. MINISTER:

DURING YOUR VISIT TO WASHINGTON LAST SEPTEMBER, YOU VERY KINDLY INVITED ME TO VISIT POLAND. I AM PLEASED

NOW TO BE ABLE TO ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION, AND AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TRIP. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, MAY I SUGGEST ARRIVING IN WARSAW ON JUNE 10, AND DEPARTING EARLY ON JUNE 13? I HOPE THAT THESE DATES ARE

CONVENIENT FOR YOU, AND REGRET THAT MY TRAVEL PLANS
WILL NOT ALLOW ME TO SPEND MORE TIME IN POLAND.

I PLAN TO BRING MY SONS, MARK, 15, AND JOE, 13, WITH
ME. IN ADDITION, I WILL BRING THREE OR FOUR COLLEAGUES.

IN THE SHORT TIME AVAILABLE TO US, WE HOPE TO VISIT A
FEW OF THE PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING CARRIED OUT UNDER
OUR COOPERATIVE HEALTH AGREEMENT. WE SHOULD ALSO LIKE
TO VISIT MEDICAL INSTALLATIONS, RESEARCH CENTERS, AND
PLACES OF CULTURAL AND HISTORIC INTEREST. IF THIS
PROPOSAL IS AGREEABLE TO YOU, OUR STAFFS CAN WORK OUT
THE ARRANGEMENTS.

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I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU, AND SHOULD
APPRECIATE ANY SUGGESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE WITH REGARD TO
MY VISIT. SINCERELY, JOSEPH A. CALIFANO, JR.

9. FYI: ALTHOUGH HEW PAID HEALTH MINISTER SLIWINSKI'S
IN-COUNTRY EXPENSES DURING HIS VISIT, HERE LAST FALL,
STATE PREFERS TO UPHOLD THE PRINCIPLE THAT THE SENDING
COUNTRY PAYS FOR HIGH-LEVEL VISITS OF THIS KIND. HEW
AND STATE ARE WORKING THIS OUT. WILL ADVISE SOONEST. VANCE

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